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Subject: Public Records Request

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office has received your public records request dated July 12, 2019 for

1. The total number of deputy-involved use of force incidents, broken down by type of force used, between 2013-2018 (separated by year).
2. The total number of people that deputies used force against, between 2013-2018 (separated by year).
3. A copy of all complaints reported by civilians against deputies between 2013-2018.
4. A copy of any documents indicating whether the civilian complaints identified in request #3 were sustained.
5. The policy manual of the sheriff's department.
6. The current union contract between the county and any sheriff's deputies unions.
7. All records regarding deputy-involved shootings (including fatal shootings, non-fatal shootings and shootings at a civilian that missed) between 2013-2018, including incident-level information specifying the date of each incident, race and gender of all subjects involved, what weapon if any they were armed with, any injuries or deaths resulting from the incident, the names of all deputies involved, whether administrative investigations found the incidents to be justified under sheriff's department policy and any disciplinary actions taken against the deputies as a result of the incident.
8. All records regarding civilian deaths or serious injuries resulting from deputy-involved use of force between 2013-2018, including incident-level information specifying the date of each incident, race and gender of all subjects involved, what weapon if any they were armed with, any injuries or deaths resulting from the incident and the names of all deputies involved.
9. The number of in-custody deaths in jails from 2013-2018 (separated by year), broken down by cause of death (homicide, suicide, accidental, natural causes, etc.)
10. Statistics showing the total jail population each year from 2013-2018 (separated by year).

Our Records Supervisor has estimated that it will take one of our personnel approximately 4 hours to gather, review and prepare the documents you have requested in paragraphs 3-10. This does not take into

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account the use of force reports (items 1 & 2) which would have to be prepared requiring an additional 25 hours. Our records management system does not break out type of force used or number of suspects in each report. To obtain this information you would need to request the reports and then you would have to capture the data requested (type of force, number of people deputies used force against) and incur the additional cost associated with their preparation. (Approximately \$330.50 special service charge and \$210.00 for the copying)

Below is a breakdown of the cost you must pay prior to receiving your records.

Copy Cost:	Unknown at this time @ .15 per page
Employees Time Cost:	4 hours "X" employee pay per hour (13.22) = 52.88
CD Cost	\$2.00 per CD
Mailing Cost:	unknown at this time
Total Cost:	unknown at this time due to number of pages

You will have to remit fifty % of the current known cost \$26.44 prior to us beginning fulfilling this request.

Please remit your payment (Cashier's Check or Certified Money Order) for the amount indicated above made payable to the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and forwarded to 4917 US Hwy 90 East, Lake City, Florida 32055, Attn: Finance. Once your funds are received and posted into our account the requested documents will be produced, a finalized bill will be sent to you for final payment and once you have paid the required amount your records will be forwarded as requested.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Murray Smith".

Murray Smith
Sergeant, Public Information Officer
Columbia County Sheriff's Office